(b) the target set for 2000-2001 is 212 MT;

(c) the country is actually short of storage facilities and even this year surplus wheat are rice could not be safely stored due to lack of capacity; and

(d) if so, what parallel steps are being taken by Government to increase our storage capacity to prevent the surplus grain from going waste?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. The output of foodgrain for 1999-2000 is expected to be 205.91 million tonnes.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Storage capacity of FCI (Food Corporation of India), CWC (Central Warehousing Corporation) and SWCs (State Warehousing Corporations) as on 01.05.2000 is 262.39 lakh tonnes, 75.03 lakh tonnes and 125.80 lakh tonnes respectively. Construction of additional storage capacity is a continuous process. FCI and CWC construct new godowns every year keeping in view the need for the public Distribution System and availability of plan funds from the Government of India. FCI and CWC have plans to construct godowns with storage capacity of 0.86 lakh tonnes and 2.00 lakh tonnes respectively during 2000-2001.

Agricultural Development Scheme for Assam

1275. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Assam have submitted some schemes for agricultural .development to Government for its approval during the year 1999-2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof; *and*

(c) the effective measures being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

Pulses Growing States

† 1276. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.